

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

DATE: October 13, 2015
MANUAL: Food and Nutrition Services Certification Manual
TO: County Directors of Social Services
CHANGE NO: 4-2015
SUBJECT: ABAWD Policy Clarifications - UPDATED
EFFECTIVE: January 1, 2016

I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this change notice is to make clarifications to the Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) section of the Food and Nutrition Services Certification Manual. There are no significant changes from the current ABAWD policy.

Please see additional policy update added to (4) below.

II. SPECIFIC CHANGES

Section 245, Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs)

- (1) 245.00
Clarified meaning of ABAWD, deleted ABAWD restrictions to receiving FNS Benefits and counting prorated month, updated time limits and deleted Figure 245-2.
- (2) 245.01
Renamed title, clarified fulfilling ADAWD work requirements and moved exemptions from ABAWD provisions to 245.03.
- (3) 245.02
Renamed title, updated countable months and deleted ABAWD and "potential" ABAWD provisions and requirements.
- (4) 245.03
Renamed title, clarified exemptions and deleted benefit periods.
Added the word will to the sentence, A medical statement verifying pregnancy will be necessary if pregnancy is not obvious.
Removed the sentence, If the individual receives Medicaid for Pregnant Women (MPW), accept receipt of MPW as verification of the pregnancy.
- (5) 245.04
Renamed title, added regaining eligibility and deleted manual ABAWD eligibility tracking.

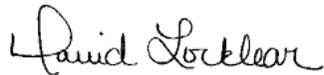
(6) 245.05

Renamed title, clarified eligibility tracking and deleted ABAWD Work Registration Codes.

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

These changes are effective with all applications, changes, and recertifications on January 1, 2016 for Alamance, Alexander, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Catawba, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Orange, Randolph, Union, Wake, Watauga and Yadkin counties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Locklear". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

David Locklear, Chief
Economic and Family Services Section

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